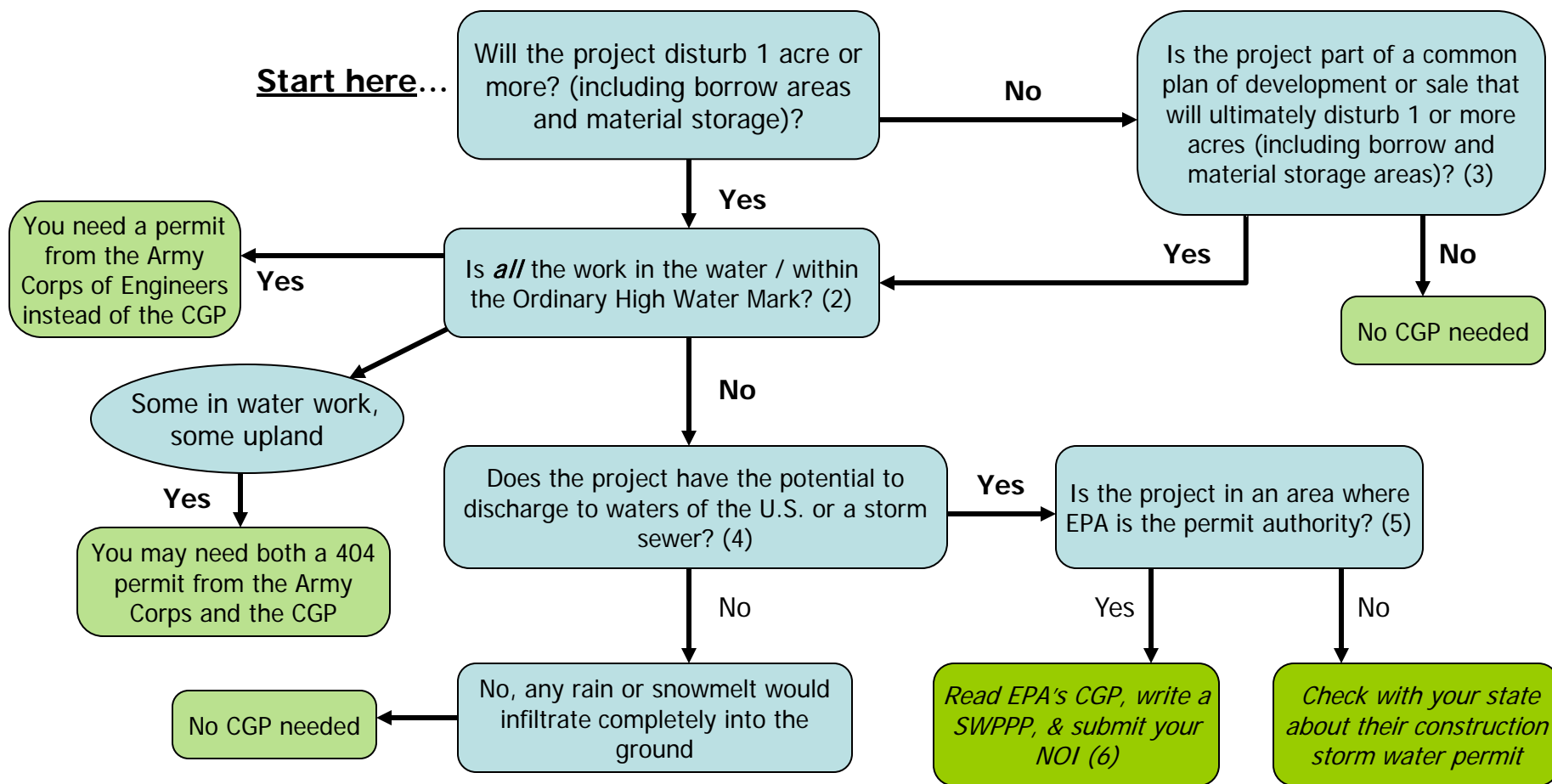


Do I need NPDES Construction Permit Coverage (CGP)?⁽¹⁾



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Acronyms

CGP: Construction General Permit

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

NPDES: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

404: permit also known as wetlands permit or Corps permit

Do I need NPDES Permit Coverage for Discharges Related to my Construction Activity and Which General Permits are Available?

(Footnotes to Flow Chart)

- 1) EPA has made general permits available for operators seeking NPDES authorization to discharge stormwater and non-stormwater to a "Waters of the US" (term defined at: [40 CFR §122.2](#)). Each general permit has its own eligibility criteria. Where criteria cannot be satisfied, an operator may need to seek coverage under an alternative general permit or an individual permit.
- 2) Definition of Ordinary High Water Mark: <http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/orf/article.asp?id=2975&MyCategory=1>
- 3) Common Plan of Development: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/cgpfags.cfm#223>
- 4) Definition of Waters of the U.S. in http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/cgp2012_appendixa.pdf
- 5) Storm water Permit authorities in the Pacific Northwest:
[http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/cgp2012_appendixb.pdf]
 - Alaska: EPA for Metlakatla & Denali National Park. Everywhere else: ADEC
<http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wnpspc/stormwater/index.htm>
 - Idaho: EPA
 - Oregon: EPA for tribal lands. Everywhere else: ODEQ
<http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/stormwater/stormwater.htm>
 - Washington: EPA permits for federal operators and tribal lands. Everyone else: WA Ecology
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/>
- 6) Read the Permit: <http://cfpub1.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/cgp.cfm>
 - SWPPP: Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/swppp.cfm>
 - NOI: Notice of Intent for permit coverage <http://cfpub1.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/cgpenoi.cfm>

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